

OPINION 1753

***Gebia major capensis* Krauss, 1843 (currently *Upogebia capensis*; Crustacea, Decapoda): neotype replaced, so conserving the usage of *G. capensis* and also that of *G. africana* Ortmann, 1894 (currently *Upogebia africana*)**

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous fixations of type specimen for the nominal subspecies *Gebia major capensis* Krauss, 1843 are hereby set aside and the female specimen from Saldanha Bay, South Africa, no. 14895 in the South African Museum, Cape Town, is designated as the neotype.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *capensis* Krauss, 1843, as published in the trinomen *Gebia major* var. *capensis* and as defined by the neotype designated in (1) above;
- (b) *africana* Ortmann, 1894, as published in the binomen *Gebia africana*.

History of Case 2827

An application for the designation of a replacement neotype for *Gebia major capensis* Krauss, 1843 was received from Drs N. Ngoc-Ho (*Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France*) and Gary C.B. Poore (*Museum of Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia*) on 17 April 1991. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 187–190 (September 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Comments in support from Profs C.L. Griffiths (*Marine Biology Research Institute, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, South Africa*) and W. Emmerson (*University of Transkei, Umtata, Transkei, Southern Africa*), together with those of four members of the Nomenclature Committee of The Crustacean Society (Drs K. Baba, *Kumamoto University, Kumamoto, Japan*; Thomas E. Bowman, *Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.*; Joel W. Martin, *Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.*; and Austin B. Williams, *National Marine Fisheries Service Systematics Laboratory, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.*), were published in BZN 50: 142–144 (June 1993).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 188–189. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1993 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 28: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No vote was received from Uéno.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

africana, *Gebia*, Ortmann, 1894, *Denkschriften der Medicinisch-Naturwissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft zu Jena*, 8: 22.

capensis, *Gebia major*, Krauss, 1843, *Die Südafrikanischen Crustaceen. Eine Zusammenstellung aller bekannten Malacostraca* ..., p. 54.